Introduction to the Standard Model William and Mary PHYS 771 Spring 2014

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Homework Assignment 4: due Wednesday 30 April

1. [20 pts.] We discussed the QCD beta function, which at one-loop gives the strong coupling

$$\alpha_S(\mu) = \frac{\alpha_S(Q_0)}{1 + \frac{\alpha_S(Q_0)}{4\pi} \beta_0 \ln\left(\frac{\mu^2}{Q_0^2}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{\beta_0}{4\pi} \ln\left(\frac{\mu^2}{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}\right)}$$
(1)

where

$$\beta_0(N_c = 3) = \frac{33 - 2n_f}{3}$$
, and $\Lambda_{QCD}^2 = Q_0^2 \exp\left\{-\frac{4\pi}{\alpha_S(Q_0)\beta_0}\right\}$. (2)

In these expressions, n_f is the number of "active" quark flavors, meaning quarks with $m_q < \mu$. Even for massless quarks, QCD dynamically generates an energy scale, Λ_{QCD} , which is known as "Dimensional Transmutation". This scale is simply defined at a given order in perturbation theory as the scale where the coupling diverges. Before reaching this scale, of course the theory becomes non-perturbative, and so this scale provides only a qualitative understanding of the "scale of QCD". Qualitatively, hadrons comprised of u, d and s quarks, whose mass is not protected by chiral symmetry (the pions etc.), have a mass proportional to Λ_{QCD} with corrections from the light quark masses

$$m_H = c_H \Lambda_{QCD} + \mathcal{O}(m_q) \tag{3}$$

which is why the proton is $m_p \sim 1$ GeV.

(a) Fix α_S at the Z-pole. Using the one-loop running, what is $\Lambda_{QCD} = ?$ To answer this question, you need to start with the first line of Eq. (1), and run the scale μ down through the heavy quark thresholds. At $\mu = m_q$, you match the the coupling above and below m_q where the running uses different number of "active" flavors above and below the scale $\mu = m_q$. e.g. below M_Z but above m_b , you have 5 active flavors while for $\mu < m_b$, there are only 4 active flavors. Perform this matching and running until you find a scale at which the coupling diverges.

[10 pts.] Solution:

With the benefit of hindsight, we know the value of $m_s < \Lambda_{QCD} < m_c$, simplifying the solution. (The full solution is not much more involved). We can simply bootstrap backwards

$$\Lambda_{QCD} = m_c \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi}{\alpha_S(m_c)\beta_0(n_f = 3)}\right),$$

$$\alpha_S(m_c) = \frac{\alpha_S(m_b)}{1 + \frac{\alpha_S(m_b)}{4\pi}\beta_0(n_f = 4)\ln\left(\frac{m_c^2}{m_b^2}\right)},$$

$$\alpha_S(m_b) = \frac{\alpha_S(M_Z)}{1 + \frac{\alpha_S(M_Z)}{4\pi}\beta_0(n_f = 5)\ln\left(\frac{m_b^2}{M_Z^2}\right)},$$

which requires the following input (taken from the PDG online)¹

$$\begin{split} \alpha_S(M_Z) &= 0.1185(06) \,, & m_c &= 1.275(25) \; \mathrm{GeV} \,, \\ M_Z &= 91.1876(21) \; \mathrm{GeV} \,, & m_b &= 4.18(3) \; \mathrm{GeV} \,. \end{split}$$

These values provide the determination

$$\alpha_S(m_b) \simeq 0.214$$
, $\alpha_S(m_c) \simeq 0.322$, $\Lambda_{QCD} \simeq 146 \text{ MeV}$.

(b) What would be the value Λ_{QCD} if $m_b > M_Z$?

[5 pts.] Solution:

If $m_b > M_Z$, we would have a similar solution as above, except we would determine $\alpha_S(m_c)$ by running the coupling down from M_Z without the intermediate determination of $\alpha_S(m_b)$. Thus, we have

$$\alpha_S(m_c) \simeq 0.360$$
, $\Lambda_{QCD} \simeq 184 \text{ MeV}$.

(c) What would be the value Λ_{QCD} if $m_b = 50$ GeV?

[3 pts.] Solution:

For $m_b = 50$ GeV, we again have a similar solution to (a) with just a different value of m_b used in the determination:

$$\alpha_S(m_b) \simeq 0.130$$
, $\alpha_S(m_c) \simeq 0.352$, $\Lambda_{QCD} \simeq 176 \text{ MeV}$.

We take the $\overline{\rm MS}$ masses determined at $\alpha_S(\mu=m_q)$ for the quark masses. This is consistent with the $\overline{\rm MS}$ scheme used in the determination of $\alpha_S(\mu)$. It is important to take consistent renormalization schemes. In this case, it is less of a concern as Λ_{QCD} is a phenomenological quantity which is not observable. But to compare this value with other QCD calculations, it is important to pick a scheme and clearly specify it. Since we are working to only 1-loop, many choices are consistent. The choice of the PDG values of the quark masses, which come from 4-loop QCD running provide a convenient choice consistent to the order we are working.

(d) if the b-quark mass were to increase, would the mass of the proton increase or decrease? (explain)

[2 pts.] Solution:

The point of this entire problem was to build intuition for how the dynamics of QCD (the running coupling constant) has an influence of the values low-energy hadronic physics. The gluons and quarks give opposite signs to the running of the coupling, and so for fixed $N_c = 3$, the more "active quark flavors" that participate in the loops, the slower the coupling runs. We see as we increase the mass of the b-quark, the value of Λ_{QCD} increases, because there is a longer window in energy for which the QCD coupling runs with less active flavors, and thus changes more rapidly, in this case, increasing faster as we lower the scale μ . Therefore, increasing the mass of the b-quark leads to an increase in the mass of the proton.

2. [55 pts.] Cottingham's Formula and the electron electromagnetic self-energy. In class, we discussed the Cottingham Formula and the nucleon electromagnetic self-energy. Here, we will use it to determine the electron self-energy. Cottingham's Formula is

$$\delta M^{\gamma} = \frac{i}{2M} \frac{\alpha_{f.s.}}{(2\pi)^3} \int_R d^4 q \frac{g^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu}(q^0, -q^2)}{q^2 + i\epsilon}$$
 (4a)

$$= \frac{\alpha_{f.s.}}{8M\pi^2} \int_R dQ^2 \int_{-Q}^{+Q} d\nu \frac{\sqrt{Q^2 - \nu^2}}{Q^2} T^{\mu}_{\mu}(i\nu, Q^2)$$
 (4b)

where the subscript R reminds us the integral must be renormalized.

(a) Derive Eq. (4b) from Eq. (4a).

[5 pts.] Solution: see attached notes

(b) Starting from

$$T_{\mu\nu}(q^{0}, -q^{2}) = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{\sigma} \int d^{4}\xi e^{iq\cdot\xi} \langle p, \sigma | T\{J_{\mu}(\xi), J_{\nu}(0)\} | p, \sigma \rangle$$
 (5)

this forward Compton Amplitude is crossing symmetric,

$$T_{\nu\mu}(-q^0, q^2) = T_{\mu\nu}(q^0, q^2)$$
: (6)

Show this to be true.

[5 pts.] Solution: see attached notes

(c) Use this crossing symmetry to show the scalar functions satisfy

$$T_i(-q^0, -q^2) = T_i(q^0, -q^2)$$
(7)

where the $T_i(q^0, -q^2)$ are defined for example below in Eq. (8).

[0 pts.] Solution: added late, will not count

(d) At leading order in QED, what is the electron forward Compton Scattering Amplitude?

[5 pts.] Solution: see attached notes

i. using the parameterization,

$$T_{\mu\nu} = -\left(g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_{\mu}q_{\nu}}{q^2}\right) T_1(q^0, -q^2) + \frac{1}{M^2} \left(p_{\mu} - q_{\mu}\frac{p \cdot q}{q^2}\right) \left(p_{\nu} - q_{\nu}\frac{p \cdot q}{q^2}\right) T_2(q^0, -q^2)$$
(8)

what are the scalar functions $T_i(q^0, -q^2) = ?$

[10 pts.] Solution: see attached notes

ii. using the parameterization,

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \left(g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_{\mu}q_{\nu}}{q^2}\right) q^2 t_1(q^0, -q^2)$$
$$-\frac{1}{M^2} \left(p_{\mu}p_{\nu} - \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} (p_{\mu}q_{\nu} + p_{\nu}q_{\mu}) + \frac{(p \cdot q)^2}{q^2} g_{\mu\nu}\right) q^2 t_2(q^0, -q^2) \tag{9}$$

A. what is the relation between t_i and T_i ?

[5 pts.] Solution: see attached notes

- B. what are the scalar functions $t_i(q^0, -q^2) = ?$ [5 pts.] Solution: see attached notes
- (e) Using your determination of the forward Compton Amplitude, evaluate the self-energy in Eq. (4b). To perform this evaluation, use Pauli-Villars with a Q^2 cut-off. Recall, Pauli-Villars replaces the photon propagator with the difference between the photon and a heavy photon. In our Eq. (4b), this amounts to

$$\frac{1}{Q^2} \to \frac{1}{Q^2} - \frac{1}{Q^2 + \Lambda^2}$$
 (10)

and to make the Q^2 integral finite, we can put in a UV cutoff and add a counterterm, such that our mass self-energy correction becomes

$$\delta M^{\gamma} = \lim_{Q_{UV} \to \infty} \left[\frac{\alpha_{f.s.}}{8M\pi^2} \int_0^{Q_{UV}^2} dQ^2 \int_{-Q}^{+Q} d\nu \sqrt{Q^2 - \nu^2} T_{\mu}^{\mu}(i\nu, Q^2) \left[\frac{1}{Q^2} - \frac{1}{Q^2 + \Lambda^2} \right] + \delta M(\Lambda) \right]$$
(11)

where $\delta M(\Lambda)$ is the counterterm needed to render the answer independent of Λ .

i. Evaluate the integral and take the large- Λ limit. What is the resulting expression for the self-energy correction including the finite and logarithmic terms?

[10 pts.] Solution: see attached notes

ii. Use the ideas of renormalization to determine the counterterm (demand the entire answer be independent of Λ , usually done by taking $\partial/\partial \ln(\Lambda^2)\delta M^{\gamma} = 0$).

[5 pts.] Solution: see attached notes

iii. How does your answer compare with the answer using dimensional regularization? (or compare with the answer in the literature/books)

[5 pts.] Solution: see attached notes

Cottingham Formula

a) Show (46) follows from (4a)

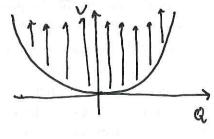
$$= \frac{-\kappa_{f.s}}{16 \, \text{M} \, \text{m}^{2}} \int_{\mathbf{R}}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} 4\pi \, q^{2} \, dq \frac{-m \, (i \, v_{1} - q^{2})}{-v^{2} - \vec{q}^{2}}$$

$$Q^2 = \nu^2 + \overline{q}^2$$

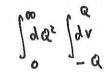
$$2ada = 2qdq$$

$$= \frac{+ \propto f.s.}{8 M \pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{60} dv \left[2q dQ \sqrt{Q^2 - v^2} \right] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (iv, Q^2)$$

The integration region lades like



We can see the same region is covered by the interchanged order of integration



$$= > SM^{2} = \frac{8M\pi^{2}}{8M\pi^{2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} dQ^{2} \int_{0}^{Q} dV \sqrt{Q^{2}-v^{2}} T^{m}(iv,Q^{2})$$

Show the amplitude is crossing symmetric

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Now we can use translation invariance to change

Consider the first term in the time ordered expression, and use the translation operator

i p.3 - -i p.z

$$J_{m}(z) = e^{i\hat{p}\cdot z} J_{m(0)} e^{-i\hat{p}\cdot z}$$

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Now change the entire dummy integration variable 3 - - 2 (0(-20) - 0(30)

= Tur (90,-92)

c) given the crossing symmetry of (5)
it is straightforward to see that (8)

Tur = - (9mr - 9,9/4) T, (90, -90) + 1/M2 (P,-9, P.g.) (Pr-9, P.g.) Tz (90,-90)

can only be crossing symmetric if

Ti (-9°, -92) = Ti (9°, -92)

This question was added after the hw was initrally assigned, and not everyone realized this. So, this question will not be graded.

d) leading order QED amplitude of e-Y=?

The spin averaged forward amplitude comes from 2 diagrams

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma} \overline{u(p,\sigma)} \left\{ \frac{\chi_{\sigma}(p+q+m) \chi_{\sigma}}{(p+q)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} + \frac{\chi_{\sigma}(p-q+m) \chi_{\sigma}}{(p-q)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \right\} u(p,\sigma)$$

two insertions of (-ie)

-I have factored off the e2 to keep the conventions of (4a)

- the spin overage turns the expression into traces

$$\overline{I}_{uv} = -\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\langle \overline{u} \chi_{u} (p+q+m) \chi_{vu} \rangle}{(p+q)^{2} - m^{2} + i\epsilon} + \frac{\langle \overline{u} \chi_{v} (p-q) \chi_{u} u \rangle}{(p-q)^{2} - m^{2} + i\epsilon} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\langle (\not x + m) \not x_m (\not x + \not x + m) \not x_v \rangle}{(\not p + q)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} + \frac{\langle (\not x + m) \not x_v (\not x - \not x + m) \not x_m \rangle}{(\not p - q)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \right]$$

To determine Ti (i) or ti (ii) we mud to perform the spin traces.

< (p+m) / v(p-q+m) /v) = 8 PuPr + 4 p. q gur - 4 (Puqr + Prqu)

We can try to put the numerator structure in terms of the two Lonentz tensors.

$$T_{uv} = -\left(\frac{9_{uv} - \frac{q_{u}q_{v}}{q^{2}}}\right) T_{1} + \frac{1}{M^{2}} \left(\frac{p_{u} - q_{u}}{q^{2}}\right) \left(\frac{p_{v} - q_{v}}{q^{2}}\right) T_{2}$$

$$D_{uv}^{(2)}$$

<(p+m) 8, (p+9+m) 8,> = 8 Pape - 4p. 99, + 4 (page + Pr 9a)

similarly, we find

We can combine these two terms by combining the denominators

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$$\left[q^2 + i\epsilon + 2Mv\right] \left[q^2 + i\epsilon - 2Mv\right]$$

$$= (-q^2 - i\epsilon)^2 - 4M^2\nu^2 = (Q^2 - i\epsilon)^2 - 4M^2\nu^2 \qquad (Q^2 = -q^2)$$

We have to combine like terms w/ ± signs, so we wed

Returning to the amplitude, we have

$$T_{1}(v,Q^{2}) = \frac{8M^{2}v^{2}}{(Q^{2}-i\epsilon)^{2}-4M^{2}v^{2}} = \frac{Q^{4}}{(Q^{2}-i\epsilon)^{2}-4M^{2}v^{2}} - 1$$

$$T_2(v,Q^2) = \frac{8M^2Q^2}{(Q^2-i\epsilon)^2-4M^2v^2}$$

ii) We rould repeat the excercise for the second parameterization, or just solve for ti as functions of Ti

$$t_1(v,\alpha^2) = \frac{1}{Q^2} \left(T_1(v,\alpha^2) - \frac{v^2}{Q^2} T_2(v,\alpha^2) \right)$$

$$= O_0^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$t_2(v,Q^2) = \frac{1}{Q^2} T_2(v,Q^2) = \frac{8M^2}{(Q^2-i\epsilon)^2 - 4M^2v^2}$$

energy.

The "little-t" parameterization will make our life easieur, as $t_1 = 0$. If we were to use a dispersion relation to determine T_1 , we the trouble that would arise as

$$T_1(v_1q^2) = \frac{Q^4}{(Q^2-16)^2-4M^2v^2} - 1$$

there is a term without an imaginary piece (the "-1"), so an unsaltracted dispersion relation would miss this piece, if the infinite contour were ignored. However, since we have the complete expression, we do not ned a dispersion integral, we can simpley evaluate

$$T_{\mu}^{M}(iv,Q^{2}) = -3Q^{2}t_{1}(iv,Q^{2}) + (1+2\frac{v^{2}}{Q^{2}})Q^{2}t_{2}(iv,Q^{2})$$

$$= (1+2\frac{v^{2}}{Q^{2}})Q^{2}t_{1}(iv,Q^{2})$$

$$= (1+2\frac{v^{2}}{Q^{2}})\frac{gM^{2}Q^{2}}{(Q^{2}-i\epsilon)^{2}+4M^{2}v^{2}}$$

$$= vote the sign from (iv)^{2}$$

$$\int_{-4}^{2} dv_{1}(iv_{1}Q^{2}) = 2\pi MQ\left[4\left(\frac{Q^{2}}{4M^{2}}\right)^{3}/2 + 2\sqrt{1+\frac{Q^{2}}{4M^{2}}}\left(1-2\frac{Q^{2}}{4M^{2}}\right)\right]$$

$$SM^{8} = \lim_{Q_{NV} \to \infty} \left[\frac{\alpha_{1.5}}{4\pi} \int_{0}^{Q_{NV}^{2}} dQ^{2} Q \left[\frac{1}{Q^{2}} - \frac{1}{Q^{2} + \Lambda^{2}} \right] \left[4 z^{3j} z + 2\sqrt{1+z^{2}} \left(1 - 2z \right) \right] + SM(\Lambda) \right]$$

$$Z = Q^{2}$$

The first term (=) integrates to (in the large Que limit)

$$\frac{\text{Mag.s.}}{4\pi} \left[\frac{3}{2} + 3 \ln \left(\frac{\alpha u^2}{M^2} \right) + O \left(\frac{\alpha^2}{\alpha u^2} \right) \right]$$

The second term (\frac{1}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}) integrates to (in the large Que divit)

$$\frac{M \times 4.5}{4\pi} \left[3 \ln \frac{Q_{uv}^2}{\Lambda^2} + O(\frac{1}{\Lambda^2}) + O(\frac{1}{Q_{uv}^2}) \right]$$

The sum of the two terms yields

$$SM^{8} = \lim_{Q_{uv} \to \infty} \left[\frac{M \propto f.s.}{4\pi l} \left(\frac{3}{2} + 3 ln \frac{Q_{uv}^{2}}{H^{2}} - 3 ln \frac{Q_{uv}^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} + O(\frac{1}{\Lambda^{2}}) + O(\frac{1}{Q_{uv}^{2}}) \right) + SM(\Lambda) \right]$$

The limit is safe to take, resulting in

$$SM^{8} = \frac{M \times \left[\frac{3}{2} + 3 \ln \Lambda^{2} \right] + SM(\Lambda)$$

ii)
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \ln \Lambda^2} \delta M^8 = 0 = \frac{M_d}{4\pi} \cdot 3 + \frac{\partial}{\partial \ln \Lambda^2} \delta M(\Lambda)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta M(\Lambda) = \frac{M_d}{4\pi} \cdot 3 \ln \left(\frac{\Lambda_0^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)$$

as well as other terms. After MS renormalization (subtract & - Ythuttu), the coefficient of the log must be the same. This is because the log arises from IR physics: you can not approximate lu(m²) with a finite number of local counter terms. So the coefficient of the lu(m²) is universal between different renormalization schumes. However, the finite terms con be different.

$$\begin{split} & | A = \mu^{A-A} \int_{\mathbb{C}^{2}}^{\mathbb{C}^{2}} \frac{1}{U(p)} (-ieY^{A}) \frac{1}{p+y-mie} (-ieY^{v}) \frac{1}{q^{2}+ie} U(p) \\ & = (i)^{A}(-)^{3} e^{2} \mu^{A-A} \int_{\mathbb{C}^{2}}^{\mathbb{C}^{2}} \frac{1}{(ex)^{A}} \frac{1}{|exp|^{3}} \frac{1}{$$

for self-energy we can focus on on-shell

d=4-21

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$$SS = \frac{m \alpha}{4\pi} \int_{0}^{1} dx \left[2(1-x) + x d \right] \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} - x + \ln 4\pi + \ln \frac{u^{2}}{m^{2}} - \ln x^{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{m \alpha}{4\pi} \cdot \int_{0}^{1} dx \left[2(1+x) \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} - x + \ln 4\pi + \ln \frac{u^{2}}{m^{2}} - \ln x^{2} \right] - 2x \right]$$

$$= \frac{m \alpha}{4\pi} \cdot 2 \left\{ \frac{3}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} - x + \ln 4\pi + \ln \frac{u^{2}}{m^{2}} \right] - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{5}{2} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{m \alpha}{4\pi} \cdot 3 \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} - x + \ln 4\pi + \ln \frac{u^{2}}{m^{2}} + \frac{4}{3} \right]$$

$$\overline{SZ} = \frac{M\alpha}{4\pi} \left[4 + 3 \ln \frac{\mu^2}{m^2} \right] \Rightarrow SM(\mu) = 3 \frac{M\alpha}{4\pi} \ln \frac{M\alpha^2}{\mu^2}$$

Comparing with Pauli-Villars, we see